

Black Woods Scenic Byway Corridor Meeting
Wednesday, February 10, 2010 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Downeast RC&D, Route 1 in Cherryfield

Agenda

- Attending:
- Jim Fisher HCPC, Peter Witham Cherryfield, Heidi Nelson (DERC&D), Misha Mytar (BP&L), Charlie Corliss (BP&L), Jeremy Gabrielson (WCCOG), Larry Johannesman (MaineDOT)

- Eastbrook Wind Towers
 - First Wind is proposing 17 wind turbines
 - Township 16 – TIF district is distributed across the
 1. Marsha Spencer Famous – in charge of permitting at LURC
 2. Ask about TIF, permitting
 - Dianne Haskett – TIF Administrator for Washington County (SCEC)
 - Conclusion: Byway Committee would like to have the opportunity to be informed of the process and comment on scenic impacts from the Byway, particularly Tunk Mountain.

- Updates from Byway Partners
 - Bureau of Parks and Lands
 1. RTP Funding for six months – Americorps volunteer
 1. Tunk and Cutler (based in Machias)
 2. Hiking Trails
 3. Seeking applicants on the Americorps website – deadline March 1st May - September
 - Environmental Educator – typically requires college degree
 - See Maine Conservation Corps
 - Recreation management, visitor surveys
 1. RTP funding for trail crew
 - a. Caribou Mountain Trail
 - b. Four week commitment – this summer, might be extended
 - c. May be possible to involve volunteers
 2. Looking for signage for the Caribou Mountain Trail
 - a. Signage from Route 182 to the Dynamite Brook Road (MaineDOT)
 - b. Kiosk at the Trail Head – Kiosk (Sheriff Clark work crew)
 - i. Design standard needed
 - c. Small parking area at that trail head
 3. Future plan for a parking area by Route 182 for the hidden lakes trail
 - a. Byway grant can support this project
 - i. Match – MaineDOT, MaineDOC
 - ii. Site selection – should be something closer to Route 182 with a view
 - b. MaineDOT access to water might support this
 - c. Some recreation access funds are possible
 4. Long Pond – hope for work to begin this spring

- a. Signage – turnout ahead
- b. Kiosk – instructions, interpretive sign
- 5. Spring River lake – working on finding a good location for the road to come out
 - a. Tom Linscott, Boat facilities with DOC
 - b. Matt Steele, Water Access with MaineDOT

Actions:

- Master Plan
- Interpretive Plan
- Grant proposal - cash, property, materials
 - Down East Sunrise Trail Transmission Plan
 - 1. Bangor Hydroelectric

Sunrise Trail

- Trail opened for winter use in January
- Columbia Falls to Ayers Junction should open Memorial weekend
- Cherryfield to Columbia Falls – may open by July
- Cherryfield -Tunk Lake Road (Sullivan)
- Schoodic Bog – will bury the rail
- Franklin – Hancock – by September

- Issued permits to Sewall Company plowed a section and Prentiss and Carlisle for logging

Bangor Hydro Electric

- Planning a transmission line upgrade
- Borings in Schoodic Bog suggest that this will be a difficult soil structure for poles
- Poles will be visible from Schoodic and Round Mountain.
- Co-location is about 13 miles

- Grants received and matching funds requirements

Potential future grants

Byway 2010 RFP
 Quimby Family Foundation
 Quality Communities
 Recreational Trails

Byway Facilities Improvements and Maintenance*

- Trash Receptacle might be purchased by Byway
- DOC, and others might try to pick up trash from this facility
- Wayne Myrick collects trash locally in Cherryfield and owns property on Catherine’s Mountain
- MaineDOT may have funds to help with trash collection
- Bureau of Parks and Lands – committed to maintenance
- Inland Fisheries and Wildlife – may support

Proposed Tunk Lake Receptacles



The brown and green would bolt together and look like ones on the left.

- Balance of byway fund will be used to purchase the dumpster
- State Byway Coordination
 - State byway conference – Augusta April or May
- Corridor Management Plan Update Process
 - Downeast or Bold Coast Scenic Byway
 1. Jeremy provided a one page handout about the byway
 2. Survey on back-side for responses
 1. Sent survey out through MySpace with good success
 3. This group supports the concept – would like to see how this byway connects to the other byways
 4. More byways – will be competition for grants, but perhaps not for tourists

Byway Signs – will add the name at the bottom

- Blacks Wood
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- Blackwoods
- Black Woods

- Other business (please let me know!)

Planning and Administration Grant

- Have not identified matching funds